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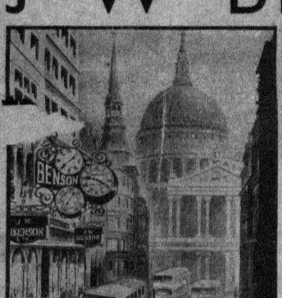


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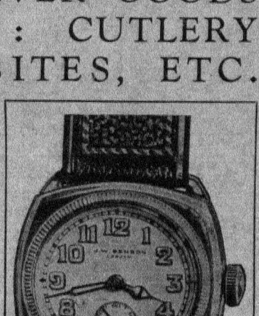

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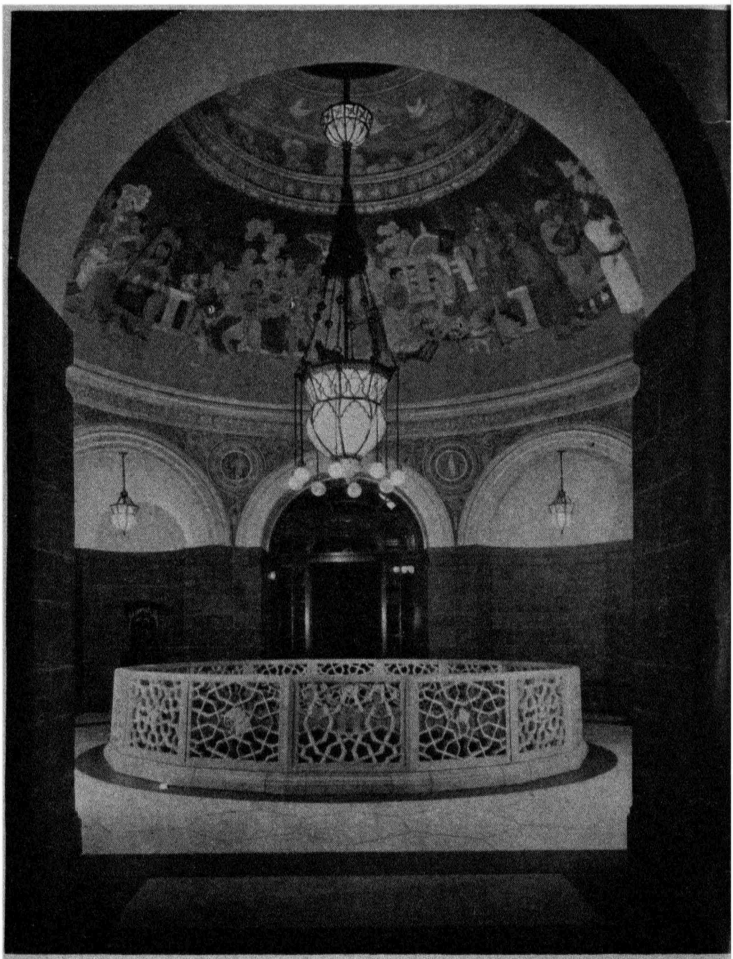


INDIA HOUSE: AN INTERIOR VIEW

# INTRODUCTION

It will be appreciated that the information given in this Handbook deals mainly with those matters which are most likely to prove of general interest to the majority of visitors

To attempt to answer in a comprehensive manner all those queries which might arise in particular cases would call for something more in the nature of an encyclopædia than a handbook

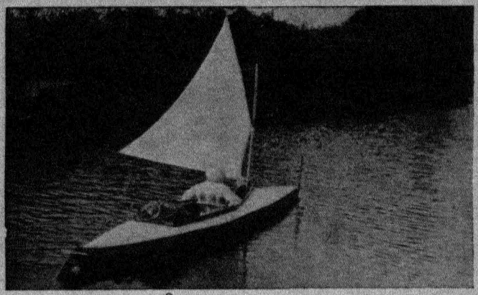
We hope, however, that the information contained herein may prove useful to you and save you both time and trouble

It was with that end in view that this little book was compiled

If you require any details not to be found in the Handbook or would like advice on any subject, we suggest that you treat India House as the natural place to turn for your information It will be gladly given to any who care to apply either personally to the Enquiry Officer, India House, Aldwych, London W C 2, Telephone Temple Bar 8484, or by letter addressed to the High Commissioner for India at India House

The greatest care has been taken to ensure that the information contained in this book is correct London, however, is by no means a static city and the spirit of "change" is as evident here as it is in other parts of the world, therefore we can accept no responsibility in the event of loss or inconvenience occasioned by inaccuracies either in the maps or in the text

It is intended that this Handbook should be published annually, and suggestions as to future issues or criticism of this first number are cordially welcomed All communications on this subject should be addressed to the High Commissioner's Office



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The exterior of the building had necessarily to conform more or less to the architectural style of adjacent premises, but within these limits every attempt has been made to capture the spirit of India in the architectural designs and compositions. The dignity of the vaulted entrance hall, the colour and elusive beauty of the mural paintings executed by Indian artists, the warmth of the red sandstone walls and pillars, the gracefully carved lines of the white marble balustrades, the richness of the wood-panellings, all combine to accentuate the essentially Indian atmosphere of the building. Visitors to London should see India House to realise the decorative and utilitarian value of Indian timbers, which have been exclusively used in its construction and appointments. Other Indian materials have also been used wherever possible for constructional and decorative purposes.

A brief description of the activities at present carried on at India House may be useful and interesting. They fall under six general departmental headings :—Accounts, Education, General, Public, Stores, and Trade.

## ACCOUNTS

This Department maintains the official banking account, makes all payments on behalf of the High Commissioner, and exercises financial control over his Office. Civil officers arriving from India on leave or pension report to this Department for the payment of their leave salary or pension. Extensions of leave, medical examinations, commutation of pensions and similar matters are also dealt with.

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## EDUCATION

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## GENERAL

This Department is concerned, among various other miscellaneous activities, with the general management and maintenance of the building and offices, the recruitment of staff for the office and for Government and public bodies in India, and the supervision of Government officers on deputation and study leave Where necessary it repatriates or otherwise provides for Indian seamen , and generally assists Indian nationals as far as practicable The General Department advises inquirers on all matters relating to passports, visas, travelling facilities and the like

## PUBLIC

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## TRADE

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The Publicity branch of the Department participates in exhibitions, fairs and cookery demonstrations. Introductions are given in suitable cases to exporters and producers, and Government Departments in India are advised about the markets in the area under the jurisdiction of this Department. In certain cases the Indian Trade Commissioner, London, assists visitors to his area in securing machinery, etc., required for industrial development in India. Close touch is maintained with the Continental markets through the Indian Government Trade Commissioners at Hamburg and Milan.

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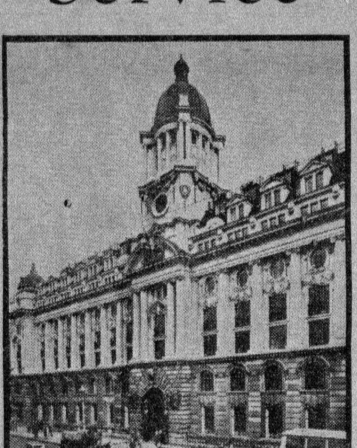

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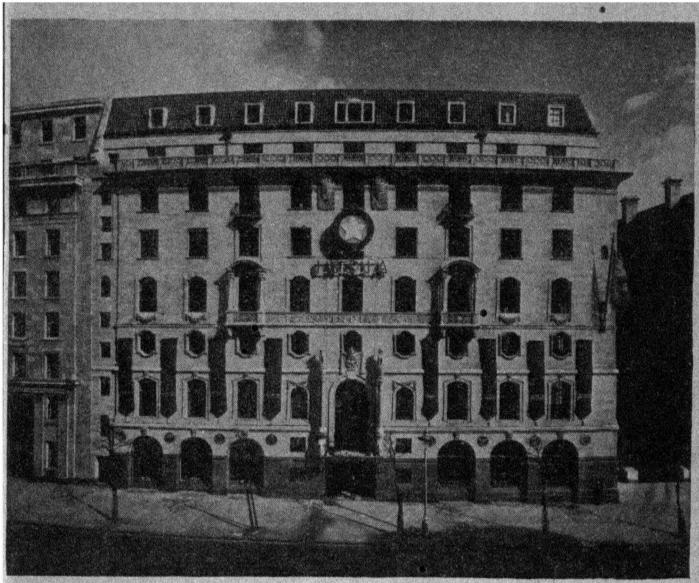

INDIA HOUSE: FRONTAGE TO ALDWYCH

# THE HEART OF THE EMPIRE

The birth of London as a town is lost in the mists of antiquity. Historians can conjecture: but the best they can give us are assumptions; and it is not until the Roman occupation that any reliable facts emerge from the swirling clouds of legend and vague probabilities.

It is more than probable that the original fact which accounted for the foundation of the city proper was connected with the Thames. At London Bridge it is about 900 feet wide, being much wider both above and below. That at one time there was a Roman bridge on this spot is practically certain.

After the Roman evacuation London gradually fell into ruins and it was not until King Alfred repaired the walls and gates as a bulwark against the Danes that it once more became a place of importance in the country. Fire, Pestilence and Civil Strife have stalked through its streets, but London has risen above these disasters and stands to-day the greatest metropolis in the world.

The administrative County is now 117 square miles in extent, and contains a population of nearly 4½ millions; while the area of Greater London is no less than 700 square miles, with a population of just over 8 millions.

# LONDON'S RIVER

The Thames, the largest river in England, measures 210 miles from its source in the Cotswold Hills to its outflow into the North Sea. The river is tidal as far as Teddington, 69 miles from its mouth; and is navigable for sea-going ships to London Bridge.

The 11-mile stretch of the Thames between the Upper Pool and Hammersmith, on the western border of the County of London, is spanned by 14 bridges for vehicular traffic, and two footbridges attached to the railway bridges at Charing Cross and Putney respectively. Waterloo Bridge (the one nearest India House) is now being rebuilt.

A steamboat service operates on the Thames during the summer months, and trips may be taken down the river from Westminster Bridge to the Tower Bridge and Greenwich, in order to view the shipping; or up the river to Richmond, Hampton Court and other picturesque reaches, where facilities for boating are available.

# SIGHTSEEING IN LONDON

The map appearing between pages 28 and 29 indicates the most interesting sights in London that are to be found between Kensington Palace on the west and the Tower Bridge on the east; and from the British Museum on the north to Victoria Station on the south. In addition to Underground railways shown on the map, the whole of this district is served by numerous lines of omnibuses, so that it is easy to get expeditiously to any desired point. For the most part the map is self-explanatory; but it may be noted that the more fashionable shopping centres are in the immediate neighbourhood of Kensington High Street, Brompton Road, Oxford Street, Regent Street, Bond Street, and Piccadilly. A large proportion of the principal theatres are to be found within three-quarters of a mile east and north-east of Piccadilly Circus. Most of the Government offices are situated in Whitehall between the Houses of Parliament and Trafalgar Square.

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HORSE GUARDS, WHITEHALL, S.W.1. (Westminster).—Originally the guardhouse of Whitehall Palace. The mounting of the Guard (Life Guards or Royal Horse Guards) at 11 a.m. (10 a.m. on Sundays) and the dismounting at 4 p.m. are picturesque ceremonies. On the King's birthday the colour is "trooped" on the Horse Guards' Parade (300,000 square feet).

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT, WESTMINSTER, S.W.1 (Westminster).—The present building (designed by Sir Charles Barry and Augustus Pugin) was completed in 1857 at a cost of just over £2,000,000. Open Saturdays 10 to 3.30, free. Admission to the Strangers' Gallery of the House of Commons on application at India Office, or at the Admission Order Office in St. Stephen's Hall. The clock tower of the House of Commons contains "Big Ben" (weight 13¼ tons). When Parliament is sitting a light shines in this tower by night and a Union Jack flies from the Victoria Tower by day.

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ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE, STRAND, W.C.2 (Aldwych).—Central Hall can be viewed during the Long Vacation.

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| British Industries Fair ... ... | 15 Feb to 26 Feb. |
| Terrier Club Show... ... ... | 18 May |
| Ladies' Kennel Club Show ... | 19 May |
| Royal Tournament ... ... ... | 27 May to 12 June |
| International Horse Show ... | 17 June to 26 June |
| Radio Exhibition ... . . . . | August |
| Welding, Engineering and Marine Exhibition ... | 9 Sept to 25 Sept. |
| Wines, Spirits and Hotel Trades Exhibition ... | Sept. to Oct. |
| Woman's National Exhibition .. | Oct. to Nov. |
| Hotel, Restaurant and Catering Exhibition ... | Nov. to Dec |
| Circus and Fair ... ... ... | Dec. to Jan 1938 |

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL HALL, UPPER STREET, ISLINGTON, N.1 (Angel).—Principal Shows, etc., during the year 1937:—

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| Shire Horse Show .. ... ... | 2 Feb. to 4 Feb. |
| Cruft's Dog Show ... ... ... | 10 Feb. to 11 Feb. |
| Hunter Show . . . | 9 Mar. to 11 Mar. |
| National Pony Show ... ... | 12 Mar. to 13 Mar. |
| Used Motor Show ... ... ... | 24 Apr. to 8 May |
| Bakers' and Confectioners' Exhibition | 4 Sept. to 10 Sept. |
| Grocers' Exhibition ... . . | 18 Sept. to 24 Sept. |
| International Shoe and Leather Fair | 4 Oct. to 8 Oct. |
| Dairy Show ... .. ... ... | 19 Oct. to 22 Oct. |
| Brewers' Exhibition and Market | 30 Oct. to 5 Nov. |
| Public Works, Roads and Transport Exhibition and Congress ... | 15 Nov. to 20 Nov. |
| Smithfield Club Cattle Show ... | 6 Dec. to 10 Dec. |
| World's Fair and Circus ... ... | 20 Dec. to 22 Jan. 1938. |

ROYAL BOTANIC GARDENS, KEW (Kew Gardens).—Open daily. Admission Tuesdays and Fridays, 6d ; other days 1d. 10 a m to sunset.

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# MUSEUMS

BRITISH MUSEUM, GREAT RUSSELL STREET, W.C.1 (British Museum).—Contains all kinds of rare exhibits illustrating the history of the world—manuscripts, china, sculpture and printed books, prints and drawings of every age and race. Open weekdays, 10 to 6; Sundays, 2 to 6; free. Lecture tours daily at 12 and 3.

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MUSEUM OF PRACTICAL GEOLOGY, EXHIBITION ROAD, SOUTH KENSINGTON, S.W.7 (S. Kensington).—Specimens of ores, stones, glass and models of famous diamonds. Open free on weekdays 10 to 6; Sundays 2.30 to 6.

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| CRITERION - | *Whitehall* 3844 | Piccadilly | Piccadilly |
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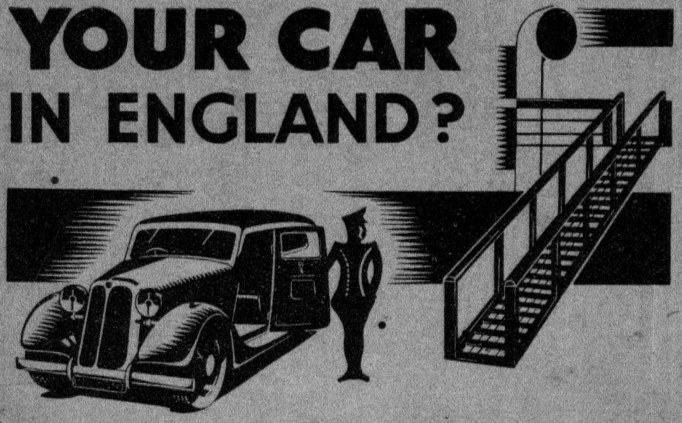

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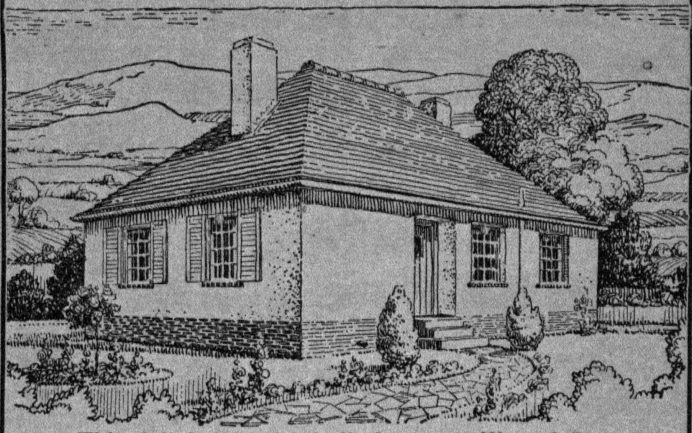

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## CRICKET

The outstanding feature of the 1936 Cricket season in England was the visit (after an interval of four years) of an All-India team, consisting of the following players Maharaj Kumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram (*Captain*), Major C S K Nayudu, S Wazir Ali, Mahommed Nissar, Amar Nath, V M Merchant, M Baqa Jilani, Amir Elahi, Mushtaq Ali, K R Meherhomji, L P Jai, S Bannerji, M J Gopalan, P E Palia, D D Hindlekar, S M Hussain, C Ramaswami, M Jehangir Khan, Amar Singh, Dilwar Hussain, C S Nayudu

Unfavourable weather, especially during the early part of the season, prevented the team from showing their best form, and affected also the financial results of the tour Three test matches against England were played, of which one was drawn and the other two were won by England Of first-class matches played the visitors won 4, lost 10, and drew 11 The most successful batsman on the side was V M Merchant, with an average of 53 9 runs per innings, and the most effective bowler Amar Nath, with an average of 20 87 runs per wicket

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## FOOTBALL

ASSOCIATION.—The Football League is represented in London by about a dozen professional clubs, and on Saturday afternoons during the season attendances of from 20,000 to 50,000 are attracted to matches held at the grounds of such famous clubs as the Arsenal, at Highbury, N.; Chelsea, at Stamford Bridge, S.W.; Tottenham Hotspur, at White Hart Lane, N.; West Ham, Upton Park, E., and others.

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## LAWN TENNIS

The Championships, which attract competitors from all over the world, are held in June each year on the courts of the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club, Church Road, Wimbledon, S.W.19 (Wimbledon, S.R.); the National Covered Courts Championships at Queen's Club, W.4 (Baron's Court), in October.

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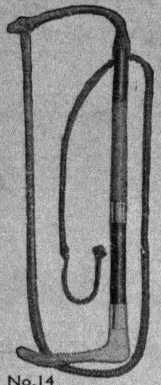

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